GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AIR SERVICE FROM BANGALORE TO MAURITIUS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air Mauritius proposed to operate a weekly direct flight from Bangalore to India;

(b) if so, the extent to which this has helped in improving the tourism between India and Mauritius;

(c) the facilities that are being provided to the airports in Bangalore as well as Mauritius;

(d) whether there is a demand of increasing the frequency of direct flight; and

(e) if so, the details and the steps proposed to be taken to meet the demand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. However, for facilitating tourism, Air Mauritius has introduced operations to Bangalore by operating co-terminal service on their once weekly services on Mauritius - Bangalore - Chennai - Mauritius without exercising traffic rights between Bangalore and Chennai.

(c): All infrastructure facilities required for international operations are available for carriers including Air Mauritius for operating to/from Bangalore.

(d)&(e): As per the existing bilateral air services arrangement between India and Mauritius, the designated airlines of each sides are entitled to operate 14 services per week. At present, only Air Mauritius is operating 6 services per week to/from India. Therefore, the designated airlines of each side are free to utilize the balance capacity entitlements as per their commercial judgement.